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Mr. Eric Newman (3HW42)  
EPA Remedial Project Manager  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
841 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Re: Notification of Field Activities  
Halby Chemical Superfund Site  
600 Terminal Avenue  
New Castle, Delaware**

Dear Mr. Newman:

Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (Langan), on behalf of Witco Corporation, is planning field activities for the Halby Chemical Site. The planned activities include fence installation, clearing the work area, excavating test pits, and site rehabilitation. With USEPA's approval, the work is scheduled to begin on 4 December 1995. Fence materials will be delivered on that day and fence installation will commence immediately upon receipt of materials. On completion of the fence installation, the area to be investigated will be cleared and grubbed of all vegetation. A total of 27 test pits will then be excavated. In two of these test pits (TP-30, TP-31), the 16-inch water main will be exposed and non-destructive testing will be performed on the exposed pipe. If encountered, protective wrap on the pipe will be replaced. Excavation near the water main will be done by hand, so as to avoid damage to the line. United Water personnel will be on site with the proper equipment to shutoff the valves in case of an emergency. The excavation contractor will have a qualified or experienced supervisor available for pipe repair. Any pipe materials needed will be supplied by United Water. After completion of the test pit investigation, site rehabilitation activities will commence. These activities will include: repair of the soil dike and berms, construction of a surface water drainage ditch and moving contaminated soil piles from the plant area into the fenced area and encapsulation of the soil in 40 mil HDPE.

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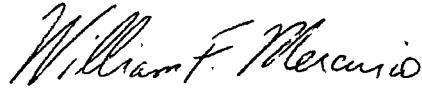


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Please call me at (201) 794-6900 to confirm whether work should proceed as discussed above. Work will be in accordance with the RAP. This letter is also being sent to the below listed personnel to serve as notification of the start of field activities.

Very truly yours,

**LANGAN ENGINEERING AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**



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